

**EMT-1 REGULATORY TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 3, 2002  
EMS Authority  
Sacramento, CA**

**I. Introductions**

Self-introductions were made.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>EMSA STAFF PRESENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATES PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATES ABSENT</b>
Elaine Dethlefsen Bruce Haynes Tom McGinnis Debi Moffat Dan Paxton John Tysell Luann Underwood Kevin White	Sean Trask	Bruce Kenagy	Nancy Casazza	Patrick Brown
			Ray Casillas Bob Cordray Donna Ferracone Pat Kramm Debbie Meier Byron Parsons	Jean English David Nevins Debbie Notturmo Karen Petrilla
		<b>Guests</b> Fred Claridge	John Pritting	
			Marco Randazzo Bob Repar Veronica Shepardson Susan Smith Todd Wilhoyte	

**II. Minutes**

Approve with the following change: Item IV B. 2. amend to put a period after the word, "sub-section" and strike to be consistent with Medicare reimbursement.

**III. Agenda**

Approved as written, the Task Force members present wish to set up joint meetings with the Paramedic Task Force, possibly in September, to discuss the continuing education topic.

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. EMT-I Certification Examination:**

- a. The members present recommended that the minutes reflect that the single EMT-I certifying examination decision will be made by the director of the EMS Authority and the task force will review the responses.
- b. Recert testing - a number of constituent groups are opposed to the elimination of recertification testing. Jim Andrews, Medical Director of the Fresno, Kings, Madera EMS Agency did a presentation on research on skills competency Bruce Haynes will research and bring back. Intent is to keep EMT-Is competent and not to take their certification away.
- c. After a discussion, the members present made the following suggestions for recertification / testing:
  - i. 36 hours of continuing education every 2 years and not be required to pass certification examinations, or

- ii. Maintain NR certification and not be required to pass certification examinations, or
- iii. Successfully complete a 24 hour refresher course or 24 hours of CE and a pass a written and skills certifying exam.
- d. The number of hours in this suggestion is not final and will require further discussion. This approach gives the certification holders a number of options.
- e. Task Force members are asked to take this information back to their constituent groups, and bring back their comments/concerns, to the next meeting.

**B. EMT-I Scope of Practice:**

- C. The Task Force members present reviewed the items that were agreed to at previous meetings and will wait for the next meeting to receive feedback from constituent groups.

**V. New Business**

**A. Local Accreditation Process**

The Task Force Members present agreed to leave the accreditation process as-is without changes.

**B. Review of Task Force Objectives**

- 1. Objective #1 – Enhancements to the National Standard Curriculum have not been identified and will be eliminated from this objective. The members present agreed to delete the step to bridge one level of education to another. The only step left in this objective is to review the hours/requirements for program approval.
- 2. Objective #2 – the members present agreed to allow the decision for selection of the EMT-I certification exam to be made by the Director of the EMS Authority.
- 3. Objective #3 – the members present agreed that the objective to standardize the EMT-I accreditation process is complete.
- 4. Objective #4 – this objective needs to address two steps, the first is out-of-state certifications and the second is the criteria for denial of EMT-I certification. The out-of-state reciprocity will be discussed later. The Task Force is waiting for the Denial/Revocation Standards developed by the Paramedic Task Force to become effective and to refer to those standards in the EMT-I regulations.
- 5. Objective #5 – The Task Force is waiting for the Paramedic Task Force to address the continuing education topic and hold a joint 2-day meeting.
- 6. Objective #6 – This objective has been met by adopting the National Standard Curriculum.
- 7. Objective #7 – This objective has been met. The Task Force has agreed to the training program staff requirements and qualifications.
- 8. Objective #8 – The optional/expanded scope of practice is pending feedback by the constituent groups.

**C. Out-of-State Reciprocity**

The Task Force members discussed the current out-of-state reciprocity provisions in regulations and how overly burdensome the requirements are considering that a number of states have adopted some form of a standardized certification examination. After much discussion the Task Force Members agreed to the following amendments to the out-of-state provisions:

- 1. Current out of state or National Registry EMT-Basic Certification – pay certification fee, fill out EMT-I application and satisfy any additional certification requirements by the certifying authority, expiration date is the same as the out-of-state or NR expiration date.
- 2. Expired out-of-state or National Registry EMT-Basic Certification – 24 hours of refresher training (refresher or CE), pass certification exams (written and skills) satisfy EMT-I certification requirements.

Recorder: Sean Trask